

**ACTION:** Notice of Amtrak Reform Council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of a meeting of the Amtrak Reform Council ("ARC"). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a draft of the Council's Charter, to receive a briefing from the Department of Transportation's Inspector General regarding the independent assessment of Amtrak's financial needs, and to take up such other matters as the Council or its members deem appropriate.

**DATES:** The ARC meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 235 in the Hall of States at 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person whose name is listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA, RDV-2, Mail Stop 20, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA) as an independent commission to evaluate Amtrak's performance and make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment and productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires: that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that after two years the ARC begin to make findings on whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President or Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a 5 year term.

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**Mark E. Yachmetz,**

*Chief, Passenger Programs Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received requests from Mayer, Brown & Platt on behalf of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) (WB461-1-6/2/98), and from the General American Transportation Corporation (WB512-4-6/15/98) for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of these requests may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 565-1542.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company; Abandonment Exemption; in Salt Lake County, UT

On June 12, 1998, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10905<sup>1</sup> to abandon three rail line segments as follows: (1) the Provo Subdivision, between milepost

799.0 and milepost 800.26 (1.26 miles); (2) the Passenger Line Industrial Lead, between milepost 782.32 and milepost 782.79 (0.47-mile); and (3) the Provo Subdivision Running Track Passenger Line, between milepost 744.20 and milepost 745.48 (1.28 miles), a total distance of 3.01 miles in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. The line segments traverse U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 84101 and 84104. The line segments include the non-agency rail stations of Grant Tower (milepost 800.10), Salt Lake City (milepost 782.79), UP 9th St. Crossing (milepost 744.20), and Salt Lake City (milepost 745.40).

The line segments do not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 30, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line segments, the segments may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 22, 1998.<sup>2</sup> Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before July 22, 1998.

<sup>1</sup> In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, UP seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). UP also requests "that the exemptions be effective on the date after the date of service" of the final decision. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

<sup>2</sup> UP states that the line segments are located on Salt Lake City streets within a city project area which is commonly referred to as the Gateway Project. UP points out that exemption from the OFA procedures and public use conditions will allow a prompt conveyance of the right-of-way underlying the line segments to the Utah Department of Transportation and Salt Lake City Corporation, as required for the city's Gateway Project.